

Hopkins Ordinary Bed and Breakfast

Sperryville, Virginia



Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, *Virginia Green* encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

Hopkins Ordinary B & B

"Hopkins Ordinary is a Bed and Breakfast with five rooms in the main house and a separate cottage. This historic inn features in-room fireplaces, porches and views of the Blue Ridge in a small town with convenient restaurants and shopping."

Green Statement: "We live our lives this way. We bring our lifestyle to the guests--tap water, drying sheets on the line, ceiling fans, efficient toilets, local food, etc."



CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

“☒” This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **Hopkins Ordinary** can expect the following practices:

☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Change linens only upon request
- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service
- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Line dry linens whenever possible

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle Glass Bottles and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, aluminum cans, plastic, toner cartridges, newspaper, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Fill up shampoo bottles
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Do not use Styrofoam
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables

- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Provide condiments , cream and sugar, etc. in bulk
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Compost food waste and other compostables
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase organic and “sustainably-grown” foods
- Encourage suppliers to minimize packaging and other waste materials
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Use “green” cleaners that are dispensed in bulk
- Have installed high efficiency hand-dryers in restrooms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Use latex paints
- Re-use paint thinners
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)
- Grow much of our own food
- Buy non-packaged foods to reduce packaging waste



☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Have:
 - high efficiency dishwashers
 - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
 - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first) and use microfiber technology mops
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species and minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan including: rain gardens, pervious pavement, and the minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)
- Use cisterns and drip-line irrigation
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Use:
 - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
 - LED Exit Signs
 - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
 - ceiling fans
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have tankless hot water heaters
- Have installed additional insulation
- Use natural lighting
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances
- Have thermal-rated windows and insulation
- Use fuel efficient vehicles or hybrid vehicles
- Re-used building materials during renovation

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
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For more information on **Hopkins Ordinary Bed & Breakfast**, see www.hopkinsordinary.com or contact **Sherri Fickel** at innkeeper@hopkinsordinary.com or **540-987-3383**.

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging or go to www.viriniagreentravel.org.



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